



Northwood Times



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February 2018

Important Dates to Remember

February	
1st	PTA Yearbook Cover Voting
1st	Flag Salute
7th	Band Concert @ Cherrywood
9th	Multicultural Day
9th	PTA Multicultural Night
14th	Valentine's Day
16th	Lunar New Year / Minimum Day
19th-23rd	Presidents Week-No School
28th	Orchestra Concert @ Cherrywood
March	
1st	Crazy Sock Day
8th	3rd grade Orchestra Concert
9th-16th	Spring Conference Week
23rd	Spring Picture Day
30th	No School

Minimum Day February 16th
1:00 p.m. Dismissal
Have a great Break!

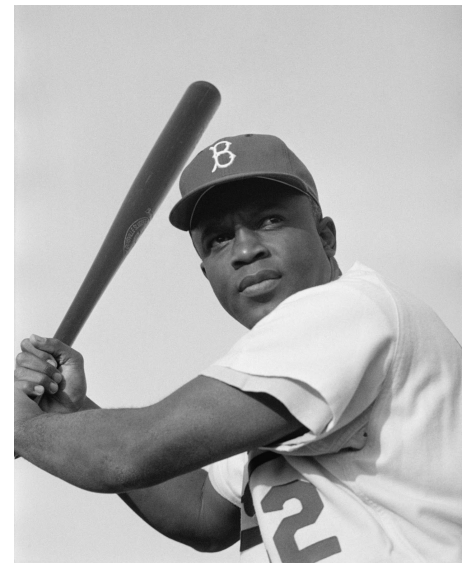
Principal's Message

February may be the shortest month of the year but it's always filled with lots of holidays and celebrations. Lots of families will gather this Sunday to watch the Super Bowl. Then, for many Lunar New Year will be marked with family gatherings filled with celebrations filled with heritage and tradition. Valentine's Day is on the 14th of this month, a great opportunity to celebrate love and friendship. Then finally, we all get to enjoy our week-long break to observe the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln with President's Day. Every year we also take some time to celebrate Black History Month. On the front page of this month's newsletter is the short biography of an incredible athlete and true hero, Jackie Robinson. He embodied bravery and dedication throughout his life. His story of becoming the first African-American in major league baseball is in inspiration for everyone.

Warmest Regards,
Mr. Derrick

Celebrate Black History Month: Jackie Robinson

Jackie Robinson, the first African-American to play the Major League Baseball, is one of the most inspirational and towering figures of the 20th century.



Withstanding the racial segregation prevalent during his time, Robinson proved to the world that the spirit of a

game has nothing to do with color or race. Not only he set an example but also helped a whole generation of young African-American players enter the Major Baseball League.

For him, baseball was more than a game - it was a medium to express his views on racism and to show that he was no different from anyone else in the team. However, his journey from a discriminated baseball player to one of the highly-recognized players was quite audacious. As he played for the Dodgers, he faced several threats and was even booed by the audiences. Even his family was not spared, but Robinson had only one thought in his mind - to play his game no matter what. And so he did!

He emerged as one of the greatest players in the history of American baseball, who survived racial discrimination impeding their path. After so many achievements and records, he was bestowed with several honors and many institutions were set up in his name.

ELPAC (English Language Proficiency Assessments for California)

The ELPAC is the test that is used to measure how well students in kindergarten through twelfth grade understand English when it is not their primary language. The ELPAC is taking the place of the California English Language Development Test (CELDT). Information from the ELPAC helps your child's teacher provide support in the right areas. The Summative Assessment will be administered in Berryessa beginning February 5, 2018. For more information please view the Parent Guide to Understanding the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California flyer.

Below are some links to some useful information that will explain more about how the ELPAC will impact your child.

English:

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ep/documents/elpacparentguide.pdf>

Chinese: <http://inet2.cde.ca.gov/cmd/documentdetail.aspx?doc=9975>

Spanish: <http://inet2.cde.ca.gov/cmd/documentdetail.aspx?doc=9976>

Vietnamese:

<http://inet2.cde.ca.gov/cmd/documentdetail.aspx?doc=9979>

Link for flyer about Practice Tests:

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ep/documents/elpacpracticetests.pdf>

Link for taking Practice Tests:

<https://www.elpac.org/resources/practicetests/>

Interesting Facts about Martin Luther King, Jr.



- King was the youngest person to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is a national holiday.
- At the Atlanta premiere of the movie, Gone with the Wind, Martin sang with his church choir.
- There are over 730 streets in the United States named after Martin Luther King, Jr.
- One of his main influences was Mohandas Gandhi who taught people to protest in a non-violent manner.
- He was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal and the Presidential Medal of Freedom.
- Martin Luther King Jr. entered college at the age of 15.

Berryessa Union School District

Presents

Parent University

Học Viện Dành Cho Phụ Huynh *** Universidad para padres *** 家長大學

Raising Confident, Creative and Collaborative Students

March 10, 2018

8 am – 12 noon

Vinci Park Elementary
School

1311 Vinci Park Way
San Jose, CA 95131



Cold and Flu Season

Please do not send your child to school if they have had a fever or have been throwing up within the last twenty-four hours. Remind them to wash their hands often, drink plenty of water and get a good night's sleep. Absences for illness are excused. If your child is home ill please call the school office in the morning so their attendance can be logged. Any unlogged absences can turn into truancies. The office number is 1-408-923-1940.



For Translation Assistance

Please call the district hotline:

1-408-923-1901 (Chinese)

1-408-923-1902 (Spanish)

1-408-923-1903 (Vietnamese)



An office assistant will get in touch with you to deliver the translation of the document.

請利用校區熱線電話1-408-923-1901

會有人與您聯繫,為您翻譯資料上的重要內容

Por favor llame al teléfono de asistencia al 1-408-923-1902 y alguien se pondrá en contacto para darle la información esencial del documento.

Xin gọi số hotline của khu học tại 1-408-923-1903 và sẽ có người giúp quý vị để hiểu những điều cốt yếu của văn kiện.

